

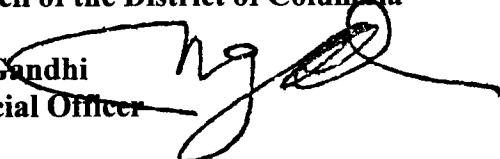
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chair, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: NOV -6 2007

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Bicycle Registration Reform Amendment Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-91 Committee Print

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Enactment of the proposed legislation will not have a fiscal impact on the District over the FY 2008 through FY 2011 period.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation and Safety Act of 1984¹ to:

- establish a voluntary system of bicycle registration designed to utilize the National Bike Registry (NBR) to track and locate stolen bicycles;
- authorize the Mayor to establish a voluntary bicycle registry;
- require the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to check the identification number of any recovered bicycle against NBR and against any bicycle registry established by the Mayor;
- require persons regularly engaged in the business of selling bicycles to inform purchasers how to voluntarily register their bicycles;

¹ Effective March 16, 1985. D.C. Law 5-179; D.C. Official Code § 50-1601 *et seq.*

- require a lessor of bicycles to provide detailed information regarding the terms of any bicycle rental; and
- amend the District of Columbia Theft and White Collar Crimes Act of 1982² to make it a criminal offense to knowingly remove, obliterate, tamper with, or alter a bicycle identification number.

The proposed legislation would also amend several chapters of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) to eliminate mandatory bicycle registration provisions, bicycle registration fees, and fines related to bicycle registration infractions.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Administrative efficiencies gained through using NBR in lieu of continuing current bicycle registration and tracking procedures would offset forgone bicycle registration and enforcement revenues. Therefore, enactment of the proposed legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the District over the FY 2008 through FY 2011 period.

This fiscal impact statement does not consider the cost of a web-based bicycle registry established by the Mayor, as the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has indicated to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) that it is unlikely that such a registry would be established over the FY 2008 through FY 2011 period.

² Effective December 1, 1982. D.C. Law 4-164; D.C. Official Code § 22-3201 *et seq.*